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OF THE

Severall Grievances of the Army under his EXCELLENCIE, *Sir Thomas Fairfax.*

As it was presented at Saffron-Walden in ESSEX, unto Field-Marshall Gen. Skippon, Lieut. General Cromwel, Commissarie Gen. Ireton, and Colonel Fleetwood Members of the House of Commons, and Commissioners for the Parliament there,

BY

Colonel *Whaley*, Gol. *Ingoldsby*, Col. *Hammond*, Col. *Rich*.
Col. *Lambert*. Col. *Okey*. Col. *Henson*. Major *Disborow*. Major *Cowley*.

With the names of above two hundred and forty Commission-Officers that did subscribe it, and presented in the House of Commons,

By Lieutenant General CROMWEL, and Col. FLEETWOOD; toget her with an Order of the Generals, to every Regiment of Horse and Foot.

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To the right honorable Field-Marshall, Generall *Skippon*, Lieut. Gen. *Cromwel*, Comissary Generall *Ireton*, and Colonel *Fleetwood*.

Having received at the last convention of the Officers of this Army (at *Walden*) your commands and directions to our severall Regiments; First, for the publishing the Votes of the House of Commons for the satisfaction of the Army in poynt of Arrears and Indemnity. And secondly, for a faithfull, diligent, and impartiall enquiry into the present temper and disposition of the Army: In which, having accordingly (with diligence) endevoured to answer your expectation in what you have enjoyned us; we doe according to the best of our understandings, represent unto you, That we find both Officers and Soldiers at present, quiet, and free from any visible distemper: Nevertheless are sensible of many pressing grievances, which they having orderly and quietly made known unto us, we humbly in their, and our behalves, represent unto you as followeth.

1. That whereas it pleased the honourable Houses of Parliament, having received information of a dangerous petition in the Army, to declare and immediatly publish in print to the Kingdome, That that Pitition (which indeed was but onely intended to be presented to the Generall with submission to his approbation) did tend to put the Army into distemper and mutiny to obstruct the reliefe of *Ireland*, and to put conditions upon the Parliament, and declaring the Petitioners, if they shall continue in their distempered condition, and goe on in promoting and advancing that Petition, shall be lookt upon, and proceeded against as enemies to the State, and disturbers of the publicke peace. Which said information misrepresenting our intentions, hath caused that heavy charge which remains upon record, as a *Memorandum* of infamy upon us to posterity, wee cannot chuse but with sadnesse of spirit, be deeply sensible, that so humble and innocent an addresse intended to the Generall, could beget so strange an interpretation, the substance of those things which we intended to sue for, therein, being no other then what the Parliament promised, and frequently confirmed unto us by their Declarations.

2. That whereas those persons, who have by the foresaid Information, attempted to our great prejudice, to beget misunderstandings

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betwixt the Parliament and their Army, by their surreptitious obtaining and misrepresenting our intention in the sayd Petition, and by divulging abroad scandalous letters from unknown hands, (the Authours whereof are concealed, and not brought forth to make judiciall proofes of those things laid to our charge, which wee cannot but looke upon as a just cause of griefe, that the suggesters of such things seemed to prevaile so farre as to gain encouragement, and we who are innocent, remain unjustified in the eyes of the kingdome.

4. That divers Officers of the Army of publick and known integrity, have been sent for to the Parliament, some whereof at this present attend there, and have had no triall, nor any thing considerable, that we know of, layd to their charge. And more particularly, That Ensigne *Nichols*, a member of this Army, hath been illegally imprisoned by Capt. *Dormer*, a late Officer of this Army, (but now engaged for *Ireland*) his Pockets search'd, and his Papers taken from him, contrary to the Lawes of the Kingdome, or Discipline of warre, and since (by order of the Commissioners) sent from *Derby-House* to treat with the Army about the reliefe of *Ireland*, was sent to *London*, (without the Generals privity, *P* where hee is still kept prisoner) at great expences, and not brought to triall; which president may equally extend to any or all in the Army. Which said particular, bearing with it the face of delay and protraction, we cannot but look upon as a just cause of trouble unto us.

4. That whereas we understand, that the Parliament hath voted a sudden disbanding of the Army, not having made sufficient provision for the auditing of our Arrears, and stating of our accounts so fully, as we may not be liable to further charges concerning them, our own reason, and the experience of others, doth make us sensible, how difficult, chargeable, and uncertain the obtaining thereof will be after we are disbanding, and dispersed to our severall homes.

5 That no provision hath been made for the payment of our dearly earned wages, to the expence of our blood, and often hazard of our lives; saving a vote of six weekes pay upon disbanding (now at the consummation of our work) which is so small, that it will inevitably expose us (especially the private Soldiers) to great extremity, being scarce sufficient to maintain many of them in their journey to their our homes.

6 That nothing as yet hath been perfected for our future security for things done as Souldiers in relation to the warr, which the exigencie thereof, and difficulties therein, hath compelled us unto the

want whereof we cannot chuſe but be very ſenſible of, when we conſider the many ſad examples of bitter and rigorous proſecutions at Law, againſt Soldiers for acts done in order to the promotion of the Kingdomes ſervice.

7 That we ſtand in feare, (eſpecially the private Soldiers) of being impreſſed or inforced to ſerve as Soldiers out of the kingdome; many having ſpent themſelves freely and voluntarily in the publicke ſervice, forſaking their trades, and friends, and livelihoods; to which many deſire to return again for their better future ſubſiſtence.

8 That whereas divers of us (eſpecially the privat Soldiers) who were Apprentices in *London*, or other parts of the Kingdome, have voluntarily engaged themſelves in this ſervice, being encouraged thereunto by the Parliaments Declarations, ſhewing that the time they ſhould ſo ſpend in the proſecution thereof, ſhould be as effectuall in order to their Freedome, as if they had remained with their ſeverall reſpective Maſters. Notwithſtanding which, many have refuſed to give us freedome, who may juſtly claim it by the aforeſaid Declarations for that purpoſe.

9 That many Soldiers who have loſt their lives, Widowes their Husbands, and Children their Parents, in this ſervice, and thereby are reduced to great poverty, (even to beggery) are not ſufficiently provided for a future livelihood.

10 That whereas divers perſons both privatly and publickly laboured by evill aſperſions and falſe calumnies to render us odious to the Kingdome, thereby ſeeking to alienate their affections from us; in order to which they have publiſhed many Books, *viz.* Ma. *Edwards* his *Gangræna*, and divers others of that nature: and alſo very lately a report divulged abroad, that wee had petitioned his Majeſty, inviting him to come to the head of the Army, and that wee would reſtore him to his Crowne, Throne and Dignity: A perſon of eminence averred before a very great and publick convention in the Citie of *London*, that he ſaw a Copie of that Petition which was delivered to his Majeſty: And that the Army was no longer a New Modell, but had 4000. Cavaleers in it, that hee comming from the Fountaines head, perceived, that the King and Cavaleers, have their ſingle and whole dependency upon this Army. And others privatly ſuggeſting the ſame, by diſperſing ſeverall copies of the ſayd pretended petition; the ſeverall particulars whereof we proteſt againſt, as moſt falſe, and are moſt confident, that it proceeded not from any probable ground, which might argue ſuch an intention in us, but ſingly from the malice of our enemies.

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11. That notwithstanding the great care of the Committee and Treasurers for the Army, and the cheerfull readinesse of the most Counties in paying their Assessments, (as these where we now quarter geneaally affirme;) nnevertheless through want of pay; the privat soldiers are necessitated to take free quarter for the present, which is very irksome to be so burdensome to the kingdome.

Having thus according to your commands, as fully as we are able, accounted unto you what is the true genuine sense of the Army, and not their imaginary, but reall grievances which inevitably fall upon us, except the Parliament in their wisdomes take some effectuall course to prevent them; and as we, if the time allowed to us by you, would permit, we could clearly demonstrate unto you: we therefore assume the boldnesse to desire you to bee sensible with us, of what we have offered unto you, and to present unto the Parliament the particulars aforesayd, in such humble way and manner as you conceive most effectuall to the accomplishment of our future quiet, and well-being: That you will doe us right if in case any of our actions be misrepresented to the Parliament: That you will (as farre as justly you can) cover our weaknesse, if any thing of that nature hath slippt us in the transaction of this so weighty and considerable an importance, which we the more boldly desire of you, because we are confident, that the integrity of our hearts is not hid from you, and which we doubt not, but will clearly appeare, (notwithstanding the malice, or secret workings of any person whatsoever seeking to asperse us, when our proceedings herein shall be throughly enquired into.) And if any thing expressed herein, may appeare or bee understood otherwise, by the Honorable Houses of Parliament, we desire you will declare the mind and sense of us all; which is that we have endevoured to our utmost in all our expressions, to avoyd things which might offend, or in the least manner intrench upon the honour and authourity of the Parliament, for which wee have adventured all we have in this world that is deare unto us. But if any reflection may seem to touch upon some particulars, our intentions are no other, then towards those who have abused the Parliament, Kingdome, and a faithfull Army.

Collonels.

Robert Hammond.
Io. Lambert
Richard Engolesby
Edward Whalley
Jo: Okey.
Io: Hewson
Nathaniel Rich

Lieut. Collonels.

Isaac Ewer.
Marke Grime
Tho: Pride
Edw. Salmon
Tho. Reade
Io. Iubbs

Majors.

Thomas Smith.
Wroth Rogers.
Io: Wade
Dan: Axtell
Io: Desborough.
Ad: Scroope
Geo: Sedacive
Ro: Huntington
Thomas Horton
Ro: Swallow
William Cowell.

Captaines.

Iohn Reynolds.
Tho. Disney
Io. Pitchford
Io. Carter.
Hen. Binfield
Sam. Grames
Dan. Dale.
Io. Grove.
William Rainborough
Walter Bethell
Tho. Ireton
William Coleman
William Evanson
Azariah Husbands
Sam. Gardiner
Ben. Burgesse
William Streeteham
Jo. Jenkins
Hen. Pritty
Rich. Zanchy
Hen. Cannon
Tho. Pennifather
Jo.: Spooner
Io. Gladman Captaine Lieutenant.
William Reade
Ro. Kerby Cap. Lieut.
Rich. Aske
Tobias Bridges
Jo. Clarke
Edm. Rolfe
Joseph Blisset
Oriell Smith
Rich. Hedden
Ro. Gibbon
Hen. Davis
Lewis Awdeley Captaine Lieutenant.
Io. Wallington Captaine Lieutenant.
Edw. Orpin
Ro. Anderson
Tho. Hawes Cap. Lieu.
Giles Sanders
Rich. Sanders.
Iohn Shrimpton Captaine Lieutenant.
Francis Allen
Io. Grime
Ia. Iarmin
Tho. Price
Fra. Hawes
Wil. Arnop Cap. Lieu.
Mat. Cadwell
Io. Biscoe
Sam. Rose
Will. Weare. Capt. Lieu. Ro. Read
Io. Toppenden
Alex. Brasield
William Goffe
Tho. Pattsons
George Gregson
Roger Alsop
Ioseph Salkeild
Waldoff Lagoe
Io: Mason
Hen: Lilburne
Abraham Holmes
Ier: Iolehurst
Amos Stoddard.

Lieutenants.

Griffith Lloyde
Edw: Scotton
Tho: Sheares
Nat: Wight
Ben: Gifford
Sampson Toogood
Hen: Johnson
Iohn Merriman
Hen: Martin
Edm: Chillenden
George Ensor.

George

George Ellesmere.
Tho. Aldridge
Io: Peck
Io: Franke
Gelm: Taylor
Stephen White
Io: Barrow
Rich: Kempe
Rich: Mosse
Ralph Parker
Martin Jubbs
Thomas Ellis
Philp Price
Io: Hawes
Io: Clarke
Ro: Tayler
Io: Friend
Rich: Tompson
Io: Savage
Tho: Camberlaine
George Smith
Ralph Gale
Nat: Chasse
Ralph Willson
Io: Watson
Io: Fiskins
Lewis Norcot
William Farley
Brian Smith
Ale. Davis
Ro: Lewis
Io: Toppen
Hugh Ienkin
Io: Nichola
Edw: Dorney
Io: Miller
Iames Clarke
Edw: Farmer
Thomas Day
Randal Warner.

Wil: Gauge
Wil: Skelley
Etherlbert Morgan
Adrian Atwood
Ienkin Beven
George Jenkin
Wil: Hill
Io: Wade
Tho: Barker
Ed: Singeleton
Io: Freind
Rich: Tompson
Tho: Cassinghurst
Andr: Edwards
Sam: Axtell
Fran: Wheeler
Iohn Potter

Cornets.

Wil: Barrington
Ioh: Fox
Rich: Southwood.
Tho: Barkley
Edm: Winstanly
Wil: Whittington
Io: Sabberton
George Joyce
Chry: Kember
Io: Corde
George Tracy
Wil: Brook
Io: Clarke
Wil: Leadbrooke
Peter Wallis
Samuel Packer
Hen: Mills
Io: Southwood
James Wilson
Io: Spencer
Richard Webb
Cha: Whitehead

Abel Warren.
Anth: Lacon
Wil: Lurna
Sammuel Boalley.

Ensignes.

Caa: Bolton Ensigne to the Generall.
Robert Smith
George Clarke
Wil: Jones
Ser: Hand
Samuel Bince
Ro: Belded
Tho: Rawlins
Jeo: Camfield
Tho: Newman
Evan Jones
Hen: Cedwath
Fardmando Greene
George Neckthey
Francis Farmer
Hen: Williams
Tho: Lewis
Rich: Bourne
Wil: Joyse
Wil: Gulhampton
Rob: Banning
Wil: Everard
Io: Mason
Wil: Cooper
Dawsbalt Gregory.
Abinam Spooner
Wil: Beard.
Samuel Chase
Edw: Evans
Jo: Bishop
Fra: Litler
William Disney
Jo: Ward
Richard Essex:

Thomas

Thomas Chambers	George Sanders.	Ro: Agard
Jo: Brett	Rich Slaynor	Io: Kennet
Abell Warren	Edw: Warren	Hen: Ward
Quartermasters.	Thomas Savage	Io: Due
William Williams	Nath: Chedis	Thomas Ward
James Goodwin	Phylip Ramsey	Philip Joanes
Cales Leigh	Thomas Stewart	Richard Hunt.
William Miller	Io: Ads	

I Desire you forthwith to take Order, that notice be given to the severall Companies of your Regiment, that the greivances of the Army were on *Fryday* last presented to the House of Commons, and are by them admitted to be heard and taken into consideration. I do therefore require the Souldiers to forbeare any further actings by themselves without their Officiers in any irreguler wayes: And all Officers are strictliy to see to it in their severall charges, that there be no more such meetings or consultations of Souldiers at *Bury* or elsewhere.

THOMAS FAIRFAX.

To let Collonel Jackson, or the Officer in chiefe with the Regiment.

Courteous Reader,

I Have one word to say to thee, and that is to tell thee, that a very imperfect Copy of our greivances was surreptiously got, and as sodainly and unadvisedly printed; which Copy was not the Armies, and therefore to prevent all mistakes, and to shew to all the world, especially to the Parliament and this Kingdome, that there is no variance nor distemper in the Army, as some fondly gather from that false Copy but altogether love and amity, and so I rest the Servant of the Parliament and Kingdome.

E. Ch. Lieutenant.

FINIS.